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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98 and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statements that were previously filed, Applicants hereby bring to the attention of the Examiner a German Office Action dated April 26, 2007, with respect to patent family member German Patent Application No. 103 50 747.7-52, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 5,548,393;
- (2) French Patent Publication No. 2 578 978 A1, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (3) European Patent Publication No. 0 284 270 A2;
- (4) European Patent Publication No. 0 389 446 A2; and

- (5) German Patent Publication No. DE 199 10 301 A1, together with an English language Abstract of the same.

The relevance of these documents, as ascertained with respect to the German claims by the German Examiner, is set forth in the German Office Action.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent publication is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

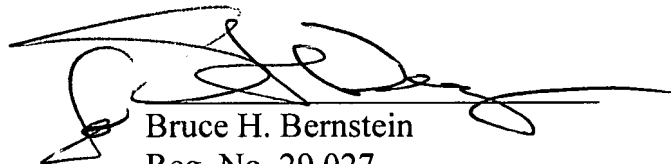
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents, including the noted English language Abstracts, are attached hereto, and all of the above-noted documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. Copies of the German Office Action and an English language translation are also attached hereto. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Non-Final Office Action on the merits, but before the issuance of a Final Office Action on the merits. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d), Applicants hereby certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from an foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. Thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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